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- 1. POST MADE LOW-KEY APPROACH TO GKSS (BIANCCHI, CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS). HE WAS AWARE OF CANADIAN PROJECT, BUT DENIED THAT GKSS WAS ACTIVE IN THE GERMAN BID. GKSS, HE SAID, IS SIMPLY A RESEARCH AGENCY AND INTERATOM HAS SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL BASED UPON GKSS RESEARCH. SUCH COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO FIRMS GOES BACK TEN YEARS, TO THE BUILDING OF THE N/S OTTO HAHN, WHOSE REACTOR WAS DESIGNED BY GKSS AND CONSTRUCTED BY INTERATOM.
- 2. BIANCCHI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THREE OFFERS ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE CANADIANS, INCLUDING ONE U.S. PROPOSAL. REGARDING THE GERMAN OFFER, HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY DETAILS AS TO WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE, OR WHERE, OR ABOUT FUNDING OR LICENSING.

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3. WE ALSO CONTACTED THE TWO MAJOR SHIPYARDS IN

HAMBURG, HOWALDTSWERKE-DEUTSCHE WERFT AG (HDW), AND BLOHN & VOSS AG. NEITHER FIRM KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CANADIAN PROJECT. WE THEN CONTACTED HDW IN KIEL, WHERE THEY MAINTAIN A NUCLEAR PLANNING OFFICE. THEY, TOO, WERE UNINFORMED. HDW IN KIEL DID THE CONSTRUCTION ON THE OTTO HAHN AND IS, WE BELIEVE, THE SHIPYARD MOST LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY NEW NUCLEAR SHIPBUILDING. BROGAN

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